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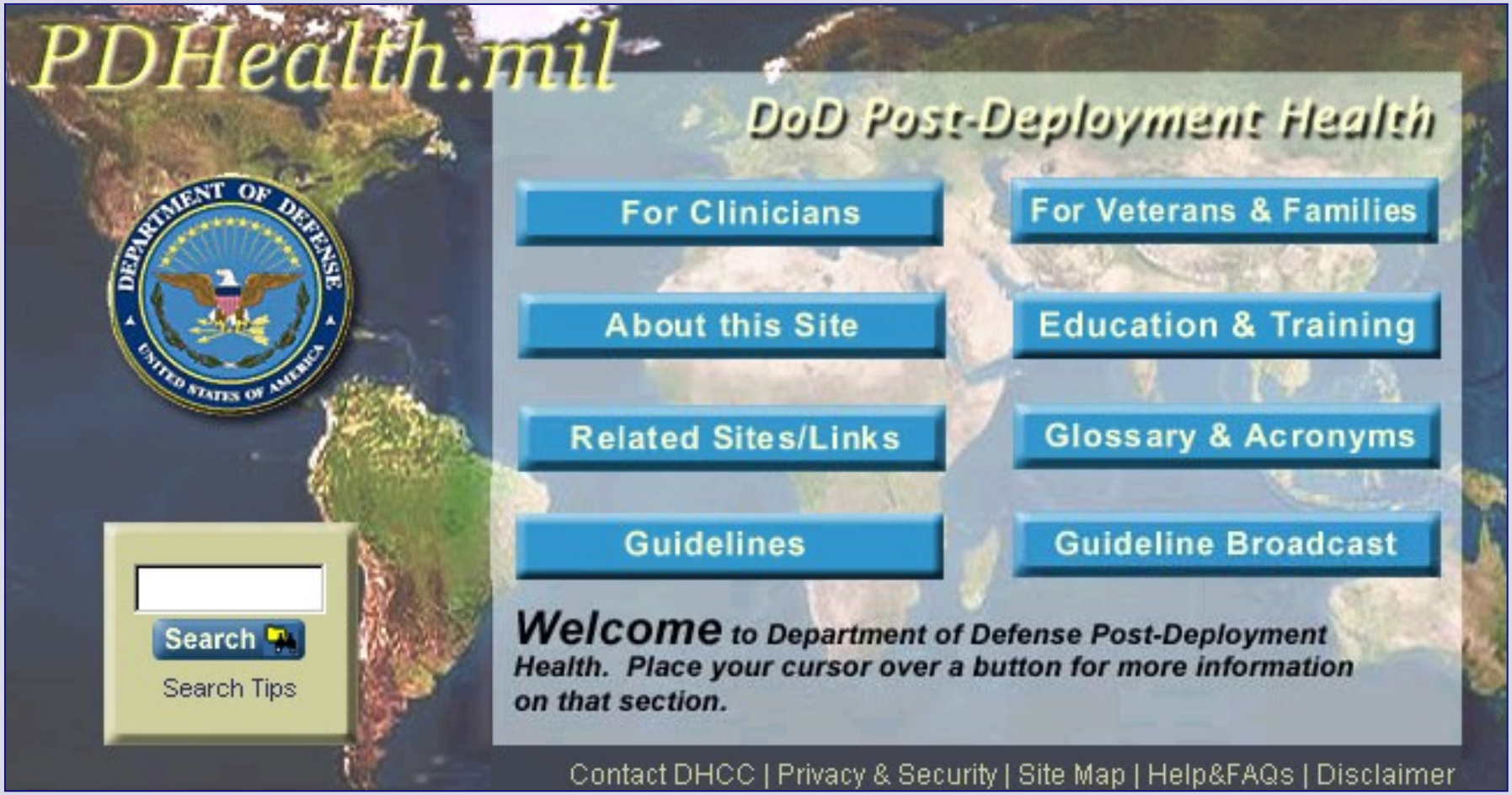
World Wide Web Support for Post-Deployment Health Care

Designed For Federal & Civilian Clinicians, Service members & Families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Key Collaborators

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- US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
- US Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center
- US Army Medical Command Quality Management Directorate
- Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
- DoD Joint Staff (J-4)
- Centers for Disease Control

The New Challenge

- **Clinicians need reliable information to**
  - Guide their post-deployment clinical practices
  - Inform patients about deployment-related health issues
- **Information is available but hard to locate**
- **Clinicians are busy and need a single easily accessible source of information**

"One of the most powerful demands is for information. Patients want to know the meaning of their test results, the side effects of their medications, the implications of a report that was in the news, and the worst possible disease that could be the cause of a symptom that began that day. Physicians often consider responding to patients' questions in any format outside of an office visit an annoyance… Many physicians tell patients, "I'll contact you if any of your results are abnormal." In the silence that follows, some patients wonder whether their test results actually were normal or were merely overlooked. Few offices devise systems to answer patients' questions beyond having the doctor return telephone calls in spare moments. The provision of information to patients is managed by limiting access to busy doctors."

TH Lee. N Engl J Med 2001; 344:21

Solution

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A state-of-the-art health information resource for everyone who cares about or for military personnel and veterans

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Concept Origin

- **May 1999**
  A working group of DoD and VA clinicians and researchers determined that a clinical practice guideline was needed to improve post-deployment care
- **One guideline collaborator…**
  "How can we provide proper care for veterans if 'the government' won't tell us about their exposures?"
- **Decision**
  A web-based tool is necessary to distribute timely information for bolstering clinicians' capacity to constructively communicate risk to concerned patients.

Site Features

- Covers all major deployments since 1990
- Adheres to “two-minute rule”
- Contains a web-navigable version of new post-deployment clinical practice guidelines
- Structured PubMed (NLM Medline) searches
  - Clinically relevant deployment-related scientific medical literature
  - Covers various exposures of military concern
- Provides online measures & clinical tools

Site Features (Continued)

- "What your patients may be reading…"
  - Unfiltered deployment-related media literature
  - Helps anticipate patient concerns and questions
- Information to offer patients
- Announcements & applications for military-relevant continuing "Education & Training"
- New section on "The War on Terrorism"
- Specific diseases and concerns

Eleven Major Sections

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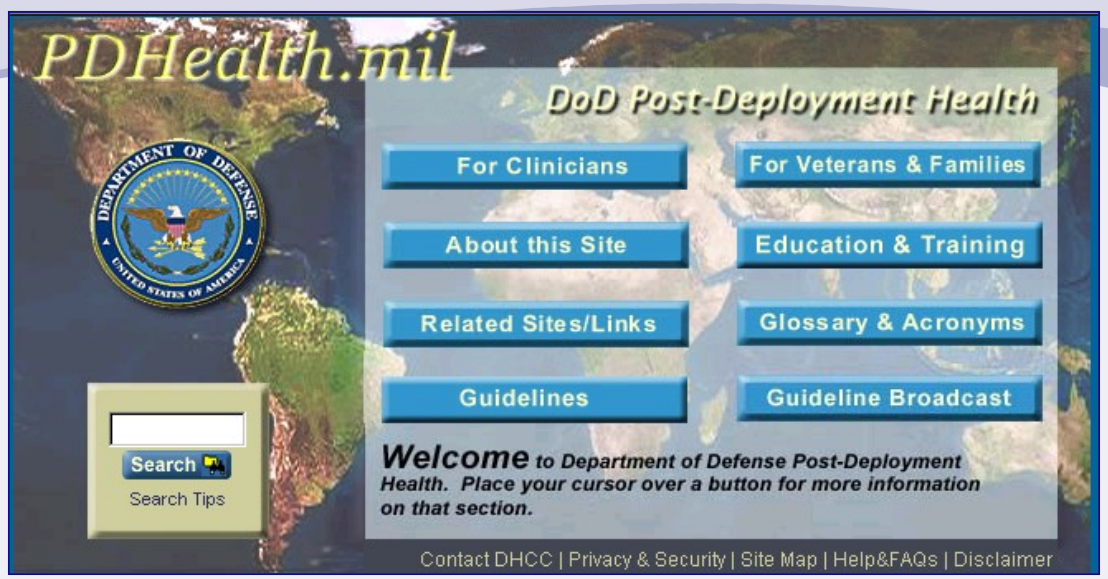
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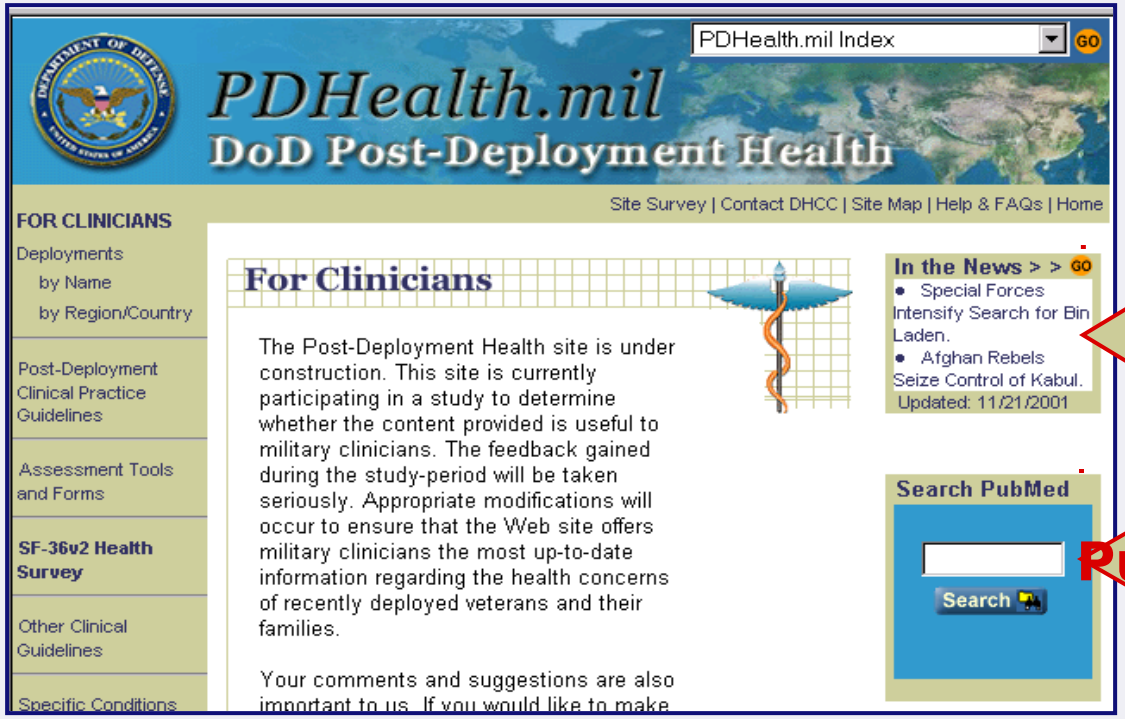
New Search Capability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For Clinicians
The Post-Deployment Health site is under construction. This site is currently participating in a study to determine whether the content provided is useful to military clinicians. The feedback gained during the study-period will be taken seriously. Appropriate modifications will occur to ensure that the Web site offers military clinicians the most up-to-date information regarding the health concerns of recently deployed veterans and their families.
Your comments and suggestions are also important to us. If you would like to make
In the News > > GO
• Special Forces Intensify Search for Bin Laden.
• Afghan Rebels Seize Control of Kabul.
Updated: 11/21/2001
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Navigable Practice Guidelines

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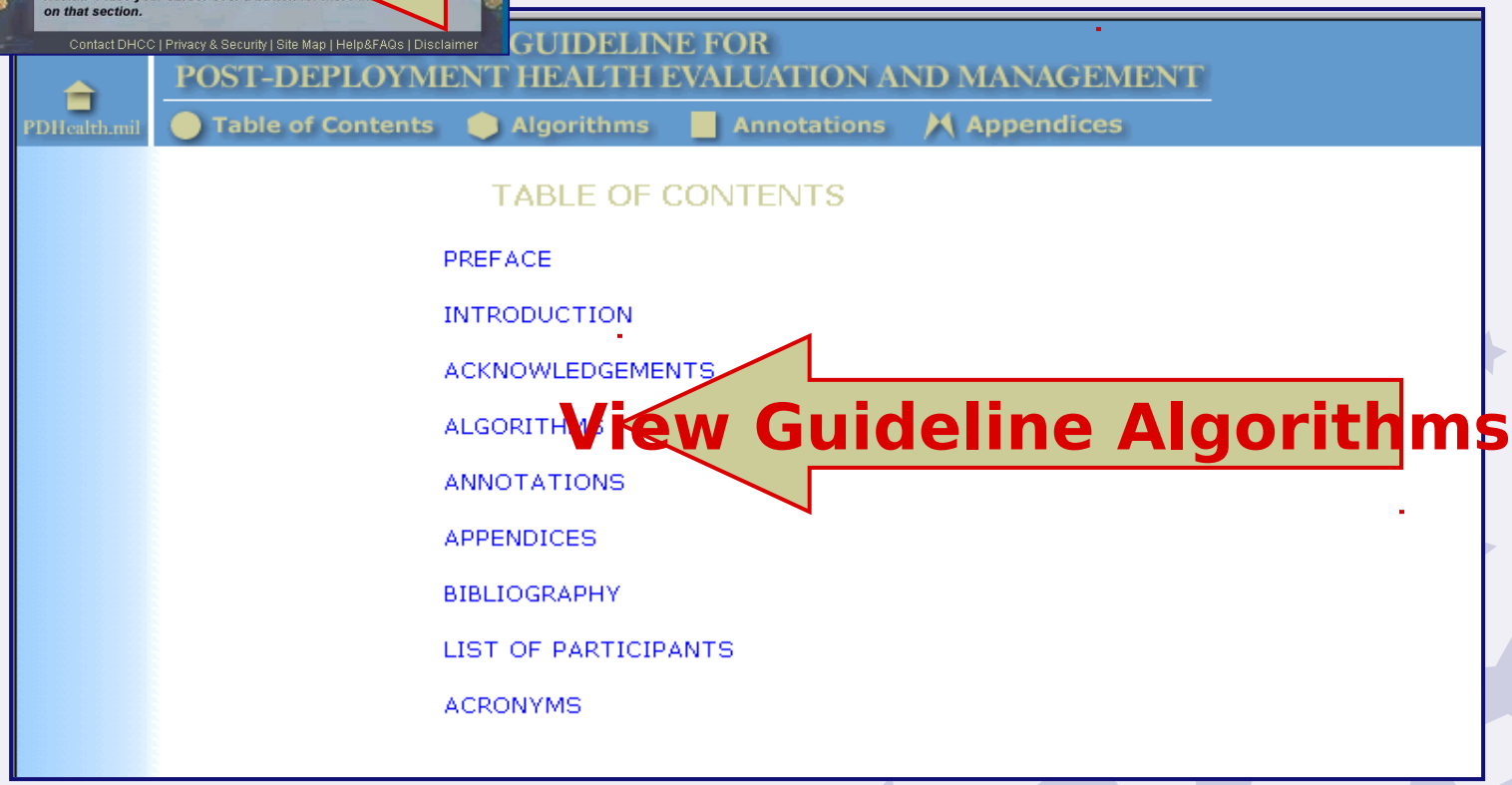

View Guideline Algorithms

Clinical Measurement Tools
Available on *PDHealth.mil*

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- **Short Form 36 version 2 (SF-36v2)**
  A short measure of health-related quality of life. Applicable to patients with any health condition or concern. *PDHealth.mil* offers web-based administration & scoring.
- **Patient Health Questionnaire (PRIME-MD)**
  A rapid measure of common, disabling, and treatable mental disorders for clinical use in primary care settings. Useful as a diagnostic and outcome assessment tool. Available on *PDHealth.mil* for downloading.
- **Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Checklist (PCL-S)**
  A brief measure of the cardinal symptoms of PTSD. Can be used for screening and longitudinal monitoring. Available on *PDHealth.mil* for downloading.

Short Form 36 (Version 2)

Web-Based Administration & Scoring

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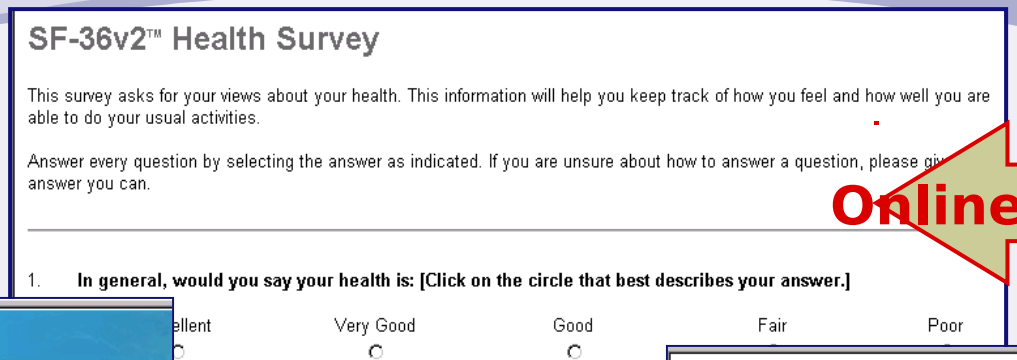
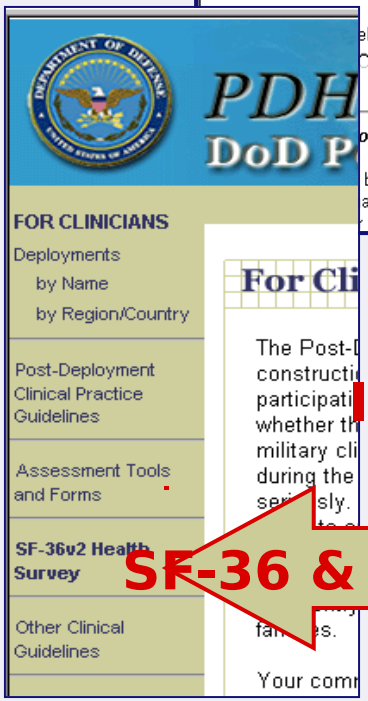
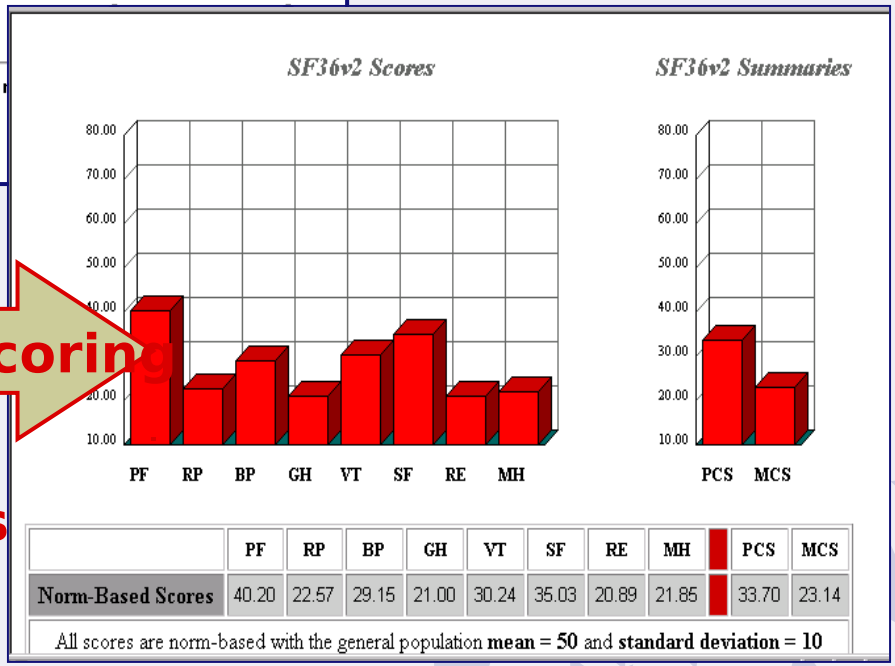

SF-36v2™ Health Survey
This survey asks for your views about your health. This information will help you keep track of how you feel and how well you are able to do your usual activities.
Answer every question by selecting the answer as indicated. If you are unsure about how to answer a question, please gi
answer you can.
1. In general, would you say your health is: [Click on the circle that best describes your answer.]
Very Good
Good
Fair
Poor
one year ago, how would you rate your health in general
Somewhat better now than one year ago
About the same as one year ago

Online Administration



Instant Online Scoring

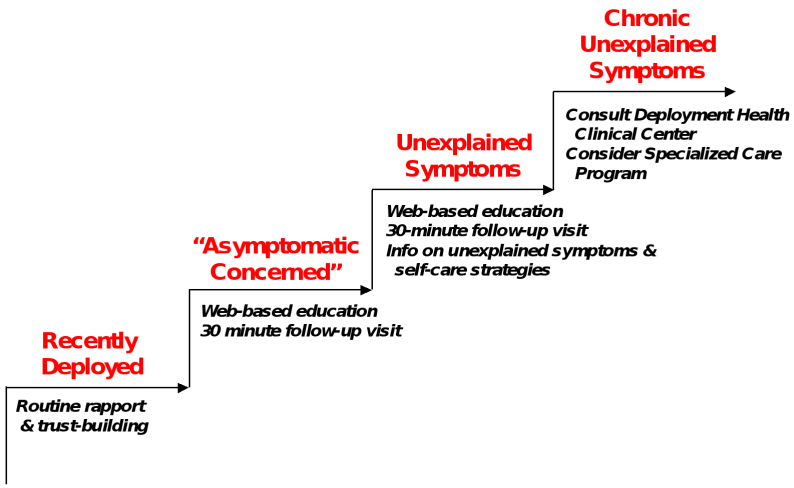
SF-36 & Other Measures



	PF	RP	BP	GH	VT	SF	RE	MH	PCS	MCS
Norm-Based Scores	40.20	22.57	29.15	21.00	30.24	35.03	20.89	21.85	33.70	23.14

All scores are norm-based with the general population **mean = 50** and **standard deviation = 10**

A Clinically-Based & Appropriately Stepped Risk Communication Strategy



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Health	**Health** care-oriented
e	**E**lectronic
V	**V**alues-based
O	**O**pen
I	**I**nteractive
C	**C**ollaborative
E	**E**ducational

"Health-e VOICE"

A CDC-funded Effort To Develop An Online Clinical Risk Communication Continuing Education Tool

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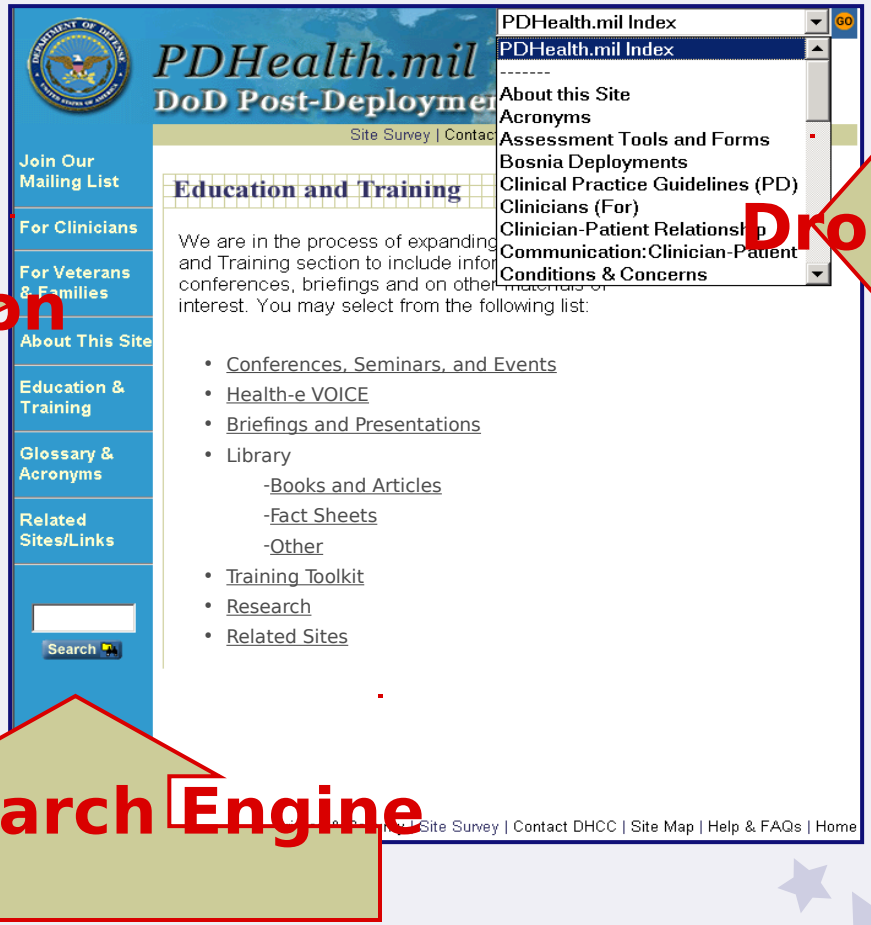

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BACKGROUND
On January 16, 1991, Operation Desert Storm began with an air war against Iraq that was followed, 39 days later, by a four-day ground war. By the time hostilities concluded, 697,000 American troops had served in the Persian Gulf. Of that number, 17 percent were from the Reserve Components, and 7 percent were women. Although nearly 700,000 troops passed through the theater, the peak number there at any one time was about 560,000.
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American Units Deployed
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Uranium arms risk low
Depleted Uranium Environmental Report
Dr. Michael Kilpatrick on Gulf Illnesses
Lt Gen Dale Vesser urges Gulf War troops to seek care
IOM report on Gulf War
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Updated: 28 Feb 2001

A Dynamic Site That Continually Improves…

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- DHCC continues to work with subject matter experts federal partners to develop content
- New deployments constantly added
- Previous deployments continuously updated
- Searchable for words and topics
- Pilot evaluations are underway
- Your comments and suggestions are crucial!

Take The Online Site Survey!

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g in this visit?

- Somewhat successful
- Successful
- Completely successful
- Not Applicable
- Do not wish to answer

Click Here!

4. Please rate how important each of the following major sections of the Post-Deployment Health Web site

	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
For Clinicians	○	○	○	○
Deployments byName	○	○	○	○
Deployments by Region/Country	○	○	○	○
Post-Deployment Clinical Practice Guidelines	○	○	○	○
Specific Conditions & Concerns	○	○	○	○
In the News	○	○	○	○
In Medicine	○	○	○	○

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